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American Benefits Council statement on GOP health proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — March 6, 2017 — "The American Health Care Act, released today, wisely avoids a new tax on Americans with employer-provided health benefits," American Benefits Council President James A. Klein said today. "We applaud that decision and we are also pleased the Cadillac Tax effective date is delayed through 2024," Klein said.

"We understand that a budget rule technicality presents an obstacle to permanent repeal of the Cadillac Tax on a budget bill. When this same problem arose in 2015, the Senate acted to overcome this obstacle with a 90-10 vote to make repeal permanent.

"It is imperative that Congress again overcome this obstacle to ensure permanent repeal of the Cadillac Tax and also resist any efforts to revive proposals to cap the tax exclusion for employer-sponsored health benefits," Klein added.

"The Council appreciates that the proposal zeroes-out the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) employer mandate penalties and we will continue to work with Congress to ensure final legislation reduces employer reporting and other ACA burdens," Klein concluded.

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